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## ABOUT THE WEATHER.

IT IS TRUE that the weather in Salt  
Lake is unusually cold, that the  
weather bureau reports show the tem-  
perature is far below the January nor-  
mal, that coal costs a lot of money and  
that the house is chilly when we rise  
early in the morning. But our weather  
is balmy springtime compared with the  
weather they are having in a great  
many other sections of the country.  
Look at the dispatches published yester-  
day and take comfort from them.

For instance: "At Springfield, Mo.,  
the temperature this morning regis-  
tered six degrees below zero, a fall of  
35 degrees in the past twenty-four  
hours, while at Kansas City it was  
three degrees colder than yesterday, the  
government thermometer registering  
eight degrees below at 9 o'clock." And  
again this from Omaha: "The mercury  
was eight degrees below today, the  
maximum for the past twenty-four  
hours." Milwaukee reports zero weather  
and down to 22 below in the western  
portion of Wisconsin.

From Washington cold wave warn-  
ings were issued for the middle and  
south Atlantic and east gulf states,  
eastern Tennessee, eastern Kentucky,  
West Virginia, Ohio, western Pennsylv-  
ania and western New York. In most  
of those states the mercury is dropping  
through the bottom of the tube. Rivers  
are frozen solid from bank to bank and  
from top to bottom. People who have  
had no opportunity to prepare for cold  
weather are suffering terribly, numer-  
ous instances of death by freezing being  
reported. So, after all, we of Utah  
have very little cause for complaint.

If some of our eastern friends could  
have our weather they would be getting  
out their Panama hats and their white  
duck suits.

## WHITAKER WRIGHT, PROMOTER.

WHITAKER WRIGHT, promoter of  
fraudulent corporations and swindler  
on a scale that has made his name  
known all over the world, is dead.  
There is every indication that Wright  
found a way of killing himself, for he  
died very suddenly an hour after an  
English judge had sentenced him to  
serve seven years in prison. So passes  
a man who might have been living to  
day, wealthy and honored, if he had  
resisted the temptation to acquire  
riches dishonestly.

There was no question as to Wright's  
natural ability. By those who knew  
him he was rated as one of the keen-  
est, shrewdest business men of his  
time. Beginning as a broker in New  
York and Philadelphia he made money  
rapidly, and so far as anyone is aware,  
honestly, if money made in stock spec-  
ulations is honestly made. At least  
Wright never violated any statute law.  
In a brief period he accumulated \$15-  
\$20,000. Then he engaged in unfortu-  
nate speculations and lost his money.

Looking for a field in which to recoup  
his losses Wright went to London and  
there organized the London & Globe  
company, a corporation with interests  
of all sorts. Capital stock to the  
amount of \$500,000 was issued and  
sold or distributed gratis among peo-  
ple of influence. As managing director  
of the company Wright had complete  
control of its affairs and the way he  
spent money should have opened the  
eyes of his dupes long before it did.

By means of false balance sheets and sim-  
ilar bookkeeping contrivances he man-  
aged to keep down suspicion until 1900,  
when the crash came.

Thanks to powerful influences Wright  
managed to keep outside of prison un-  
til 1902, when he was arrested in New  
York on a warrant sworn out in Eng-  
land a few days after he fled from that  
country with, it is alleged, a large sum  
of money that rightfully belonged to  
the stockholders of the London &  
Globe. The rest of the story is recent  
history.

We commend the action of the  
British authorities in Wright's case to  
the attention of American authorities.  
We have plenty of fraudulent com-  
panies here but we never seem to send  
any of the promoters to prison where  
they belong. Can't we take a leaf out  
of the English book, as the saying  
goes?

## ARMOUR'S WHEAT CORNER.

IT WILL NOT BE surprising if J.  
Ogden Armour comes out of his  
wheat corner in a rather dilapidated  
financial condition. Indeed, it will be  
surprising if Mr. Armour doesn't come  
out in that shape. The dispatches of  
yesterday indicate that the wheat is  
beginning to corner Mr. Armour, which  
is quite different from Mr. Armour  
cornering wheat. If the big speculator  
gets out of the apparent hole he is in  
just now, if he runs a successful cor-  
ner on wheat he will have accomplished  
something no other speculator has ever  
brought about.

Many a man before Mr. Armour has  
tried to corner wheat. Every one of  
them has been cornered by the cereal.  
Some have been ruined financially be-  
yond hope of recovery, others have seen  
their fortunes shrink by millions of dol-  
lars. The tide of wheat is irresistible.  
It flows in a never diminishing stream  
upon the man who tries to take care of  
it all, and eventually and surely ven-  
dums him. It is possible to make wheat

dealer for a brief time, but it is im-  
possible for one man to keep it so.

Sooner or later the speculator who  
has accumulated millions of bushels of  
real and fictitious wheat must begin to  
sell. Warehouse charges, interest, de-  
terioration, insect pests, a dozen things  
eat into his paper profits with appetites  
that are never satisfied. The moment  
the big speculator begins to sell the  
price begins to fall and it goes down  
with a rush that leaves him stranded  
high and dry on the financial beach.  
And the pirate who tries to corner  
wheat and loses his all in the attempt  
is entitled to no sympathy.

High wheat means high flour and high  
flour means high bread. Often it means  
less bread, or no bread for many people.

## MUNICIPAL HYSTERIA.

THE COUNTRY would take Chicago  
more seriously if it did not always  
go about its business with a brass band  
accompaniment. The arrest of Mayor  
Carter H. Harrison and other city officials  
in connection with the Iroquois  
theatre disaster will startle city officials  
elsewhere who have not enforced their  
laws and ordinances, but nobody  
expects a serious prosecution to follow.  
Chicago is just now in the throes of a  
very bad case of hysteria. She will  
come to her senses sooner or later and  
the rational Chicago will probably sub-  
side into do-nothingness to an extent  
that will permit all concerned in the  
Iroquois affair to escape.

Every state has laws against the  
crime of murder. Every city official is  
supposed to enforce those laws. Now  
does any one suppose it would be reason-  
able to hold Mayor Morris, for ex-  
ample, as an accessory to deaths caused  
by the collapse of a building in Salt  
Lake City? Yet, arguing on the Chicago  
theory, whenever something like  
that happens a law is broken and the  
chief executive is responsible. Mayor  
Harrison may have been lax in en-  
forcing the law relative to safety ap-  
pliances in theatres, but there is nothing  
in the dispatches to show that he was  
guilty of anything criminal.

He certainly thought the law was be-  
ing enforced; he has certainly done  
everything in his power to further the  
investigation into the causes for the  
loss of life in the Iroquois fire and to  
fix the responsibility therefor. It is  
difficult to see how a case against him  
can be given standing in any court.  
The upshot of the matter is that all  
connected with the disaster will eventu-  
ally be acquitted, for the issues are  
being so clouded by irrelevances that  
nothing else seems possible.

## MERIT SYSTEM WINS.

THE BEST ARGUMENT The Herald  
has found for a long time in favor  
of the merit system in appointments to  
public office, is contained in the report  
of the United States civil service com-  
mission filed with the president on  
Tuesday. The report says: "As a re-  
sult of the investigation into the con-  
duct of business in the postoffice depart-  
ment, a number of the officers and em-  
ployees of that department have been  
indicted. An inspection of the com-  
mission's record shows that none of the  
those indicted entered the service  
through competitive examination."

Continuing, the commissioners say  
that the merit system has resulted in  
securing not only competent but honest  
public employees. And it is a perfectly  
reasonable assertion. The individual  
who is appointed to public office solely  
because he has rendered some service  
to the party in power is never as good  
an official as one who wins the place  
because he stands highest in an exam-  
ination based on his qualifications for  
that very position. The man who holds  
his office because he is a politician feels  
much less secure in it than the merit  
appointee. Therefore, as a rule, he  
overlooks no opportunity to make hay  
while the sun of his prosperity shines.

It is gratifying to note from the re-  
port of the commission that 125,000 po-  
sitions under the government are now  
embraced under civil service regula-  
tions. That is to say, a man cannot be  
discharged merely because he happens  
to be a Democrat or because he happens  
to be a Republican. As long as he does  
his work well he is sure of steady em-  
ployment. That is the only way to get  
good work and good workers.

There is talk of ex-Senator Carey  
for the Republican nomination for  
governor of Wyoming. The Herald  
would not presume to offer any hints  
to its Republican friends in  
Wyoming, but it cannot refrain  
from saying that if Senator Carey  
could be persuaded to accept the nom-  
ination a better choice could not be  
made. Wyoming has produced no big-  
ger man than Joseph M. Carey.

A jury of Yale students has been try-  
ing one Hamlet on a charge of murder-  
ing a certain Polonius. Fortunately for  
the feelings of those who do not believe  
in capital punishment, the jury failed  
to agree. A majority of us would be  
willing to find Hamlet not guilty, how-  
ever. Anyway, the statute of limita-  
tions has long since run.

The Sultan of Morocco seems to have  
become slightly peevish over the St.  
Louis exposition business. We infer  
from his remarks published in The Her-  
ald of yesterday that he is not a bit  
interested, but he is willing to give \$50-  
\$60 to help the thing along.

A German lieutenant has fought eight  
duels lately and escaped with only what  
the dispatches call a "nipped" ear. That  
sounds as if it might have been frost-  
bitten. If it may be added, though with  
regret, that the lieutenant's adversar-  
ies all escaped serious punishment.

Mr. Bryan again positively and defi-  
nitely announces that he is not a candi-  
date for any office. But Mr. Bryan will  
and should have a good deal to say  
about who the nominee of the Democ-  
racy for president will be.

Any method of teaching writing in the  
public schools that will really teach the  
children how to write should receive the  
endorsement of the general public.

The fact that Fourth Assistant Post-  
master General Bristow favors the re-  
tention of Postmaster Thomas is en-  
tirely to the credit of the postmaster.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

Unless Japan and Russia do some-  
thing pretty quick all their press work  
will have to be done over again.

The refusal of the iron fire curtain at  
Berlin to work might have been the re-  
sult of stage fright due to the presence  
in the house of the kaiser.

The way things are going in Califor-  
nia hotels health-seekers will not be  
likely to get away from there with any-  
thing more than their health, if they  
do well.

Judging from that story about Root  
and Tru the way to get in the good  
graces of Mr. Root is to let him skin  
you in some legal battle.

H. Smith Woolley wins and will con-  
tinue to be assayer at Boise, which  
leads to a belief that Mr. Woolley was  
able to show he is sound on the race  
suicide question.

The opinion of the coroner's jury that  
the cause of the death of the man who  
shared by various candidates who have  
run against him.

There was no evidence against Sher-  
man Parker of Cripple Creek and he  
was accordingly discharged by the ju-  
dicial authority at once to his home  
into custody to hold him until a new  
charge can be thought out.

Mr. Cleveland has given permission  
to let Mr. Bryan "go it," so we may  
expect to hear of the latter somewhere  
right soon.

Some people are mean enough to  
think the council deferred its investi-  
gation of that gambling house until  
after payday on purpose.

For islands that are thoroughly paci-  
fied the Philippines contribute a heavy  
casualty list.

What makes the Democratic senators  
suck a nuisance to the administration  
these days is that the Democrats want  
to know the particulars in regard to  
that Panama deal.

With so many women in hot pursuit  
of him, it is rather remarkable that  
Smoot is not a polygamist.

There is reason to believe, say the au-  
thorities, that the pure food law is al-  
most as defective as the food served  
at some of the boarding houses.

Bill Was Willin'

Some years ago before William R.  
Clark opened his drug store in the  
southeastern part of Salt Lake, he was  
night clerk at a downtown drug store.  
His name was Bill Clark to the night  
clerk in those days, just as it still is  
for members of the old gang when they  
meet him. Bill was always popular  
with the late workers and drew lots of  
cigar and hot-soda purchasers to the  
store on cold nights. The gang was  
accustomed to hang around there and  
assist Bill in providing doses for peo-  
ple who desired to commit suicide.  
Night clerk in drug stores are sur-  
prised if a night passes without some  
one dropping in to ask for poison. Ev-  
ery night clerk knows what to do in  
such cases. He just takes a bottle, rubs  
a little laudanum or some other stuff  
around the neck of it to give it the  
right odor, and fills the bottle with  
some mixture that, while not injuring  
the applicant, will suffice to remove the  
idea from his or her mind. Bill has  
probably mixed more of these doses than  
any other man in town, because he  
had the night shift at the Smith drug  
store for many years. One night a big  
fellow came in and asked for a drink of  
whisky. He was refused. Then he  
grew sad. "I might as well be dead as  
broke and nothing to drink," he said.  
"Will you give me something that will  
kill me out of this selfish  
world?" he asked.

"Do you really mean it?" inquired  
Clark.

"Yes," he said.

"All right, I'll fix you up a drink."  
Bill went to the medicine fountain, filled  
a glass, took a bottle from the shelf  
and shook some white powder into the  
glass.

"Here you are," he announced with-  
out a tremor.

"Will this kill me?" asked the man  
as he took the glass.

"You bet your life."

"Will it be painful?"

"No."

"And will it work quick?"

"You drink that and you'll be dead  
before you can get to the door."

"The man changed color."

"It's sure death?"

"I told you it would land you before  
you would ten feet."

"Well, I want to die all right."

"That's just as well. Hurry up and  
drink that and your troubles will be  
over."

"All right."

"The man hesitated. 'Is this stuff  
poison, sure enough?' he asked."

"I should say it was."

"And you would let me kill myself  
right here?"

"Why, sure I would. That's what you  
want, isn't it?"

"Yes," said the man. He took a long  
look at the glass and set it on the  
counter.

"Say, I believe you would let me  
drink this and kill myself," he said.

"Bill didn't bat an eye."

"Of course I would. That's my busi-  
ness if you want it."

"Well, I'm d-d!" said the man as he  
turned and went out.

Bill drank the mixture himself and  
sat down.

"What was that, Bill?" inquired one  
of the crowd.

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## SOCIETY

The stork brought two little girl ba-  
bies to the doorstep of the E. S. Perry  
home yesterday morning, and the fam-  
ily has been receiving congratulations  
ever since.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cavanaugh Genter ar-  
rived in the city Tuesday evening after  
an absence of more than a year in  
Michigan, and is at home for the pre-  
sent with the Dooly family on East Brig-  
ham street.

Mrs. Windsor V. Rice writes from  
New York that Mr. Rice's father is  
greatly improved since their arrival at  
his bedside, and the physicians have  
hopes of his ultimate recovery.

Miss Mamie Eldridge has issued in-  
vitations for a dance to be given at  
her home next Wednesday evening.

The people at the post will give an  
informal hop Friday evening.

Mrs. A. J. Gerhan gave a delightful  
luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. J. C.  
Wester of Pocatello, who leaves to-  
day for her home. The table decora-  
tions were pink and white and covers  
were laid for fourteen.

Mr. Claude J. Nettleton gives a re-  
cital this evening at the Methodist  
church, at which he will be assisted  
by Mrs. W. A. Wetzel, Mrs. W. S.  
Loomis, Miss Nettleton and Mr. Heid.

Miss Georgia Hubbard entertains at a  
progressive dinner this evening for  
eighteen.

Mrs. John Pike is in Provo spending  
a week with Mrs. Sam Schwab.

Mrs. Thomas J. Ryder, who has spent  
the past few weeks in the city visiting  
her mother and sister, left yesterday  
evening for her home in Mexico. Mr.  
Ryder will meet her at El Paso and they  
will go on to the City of Mexico.

Miss Lillie Barton, daughter of W. B.  
Barton, was married at 8 o'clock last  
evening to John Wiley Whitmore of  
Nephi, at the residence of the bride's  
parents, 157 B street. The ceremony  
was performed by Bishop O. F. Whit-  
ney. The couple left on the midnight  
train for California.

Mrs. L. L. Donnan of Upper Falls  
Resort, Provo canyon, is in the city for  
a few days.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Swed-  
ish Lutheran church will meet this  
(Thursday) afternoon at the residence  
of Mr. A. P. Lindstrom, 807 East Fourth  
South street, at 2 o'clock. This being  
the annual meeting all members are  
urged to be present.

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